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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the case. Group I is provisionally elected with traverse.

The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because none of the three cited references --- Kobo (US 5,229,473), Brasen (US 2,928,865) and DeSimone (US 2002/0119398) --- either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of repeat unit (b) of Claim 1 of the instant application in a fluorine-containing copolymer wherein $R^1 - R^4$ are as defined in Claim 1 of the instant application. In particular, Brasen discloses compounds in which R^1 and R^2 must be F. In the instant application, $R^1 - R^4$ are H, alkyl, alkoxy or aryl, but not F. Moreover, Brasen does not disclose the use of polycyclic fluoroolefins as comonomers.

None of the polycyclic structures disclosed by Kobo contain a 4-membered ring. The smallest ring is a 5-membered ring, where 1 ("ell", not "one") = 3.

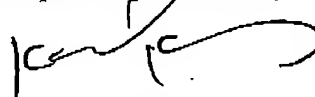
Neither of these deficiencies is addressed or remedied by the DeSimone reference.

Applicants believe that the copolymers of Claims 1-14 represent an advance over the art and are both novel and non-obvious. The claims of Groups I-III therefore share a "special technical feature" and as such need not be examined separately.

There is a change in the inventorship from that originally filed with the priority case. A petition is being filed under Rule 1.48(b).

Should there be any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment and/or the Correction of Inventorship, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

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